(b) and (c) Three Indian Ayurveda experts are working on an individual contract basis for a private sector clinic "Medical Centre NAAMI-Ayu, Moscow".

Break-through in the fight against AIDS

1538. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Switzerland Scientists have made a discovery which may be a break-through in the fight against AIDS, as has been reported in "DECCAN HERALD" of 8th June, 2001;

(b) whether Government have taken note of this discovery; and

(c) the other details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No such item has been found publihsed in the "Deccan Herald" of 8th June, 2001.

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of reply at (a).

Selective female abortions

1539. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the increasing instances of selective female abortions;

(b) if so, the details of the action to be taken by Government to keep a check in this regard;

(c) whether Government have sought cooperation of the States and UTs in this matter; and

(d) if so, the views expressed by them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. In order to prevent the sex selective foeticide, the Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques (Regulation and Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1994 banning disclosure of sex of foetus has been enacted and implemented in all States and UTs except J and K.